

Weekend Weather

Today: Partly Cloudy – high 63, low 41

Saturday: Partly Cloudy with some rain– high 63, low 41

Sunday: Partly Cloudy – high 63, low 41



Sorties

Squadron	Month	Year
8th FW	+45	+79
35th FS	+26	+16
80th FS	+19	+63



Common Courtesies



In Korea, “stealing a child’s nose” by placing your thumb between your index and middle finger is an obscene gesture. It is the same as an extended middle finger in the United States.



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News Briefs



Narrator needed

The 8th Fighter Wing is looking for a narrator for the 8th Fighter Wing commander change of command May 1.

This high-visibility position is open to rank. The individual must have a clear voice and the ability to enunciate well.

Those interested in the position should contact Capt. David Dethlefs at 782-5485.

Award winners

Kunsan Air Base received eight awards in the 2001 Commander-in-Chief's Installation Excellence special recognition category.

The following organizations and individuals won the award that recognizes exemplary achievement in the spirit of installation excellence:

8th Maintenance Squadron; 8th Security Forces Squadron; 8th Civil Engineer Squadron's engineering and operations flights; Capt. Amy Vanderveer, 8th CE; Master Sgt. John Dicus, Master Sgt. Donald Cloutier, and Senior Airman Leslie Nidey, 8th Communications Squadron.

Career Seminar

An enlisted career seminar is scheduled for April 17-19 from 6-9 p.m. in the wing conference room, Bldg. 1305.

The seminar is open to all Air Force and Army personnel, ranks E-3 through E-6. Seating is limited to the first 50 people who sign up. For more information or to reserve a seat, call Master Sgt. Manfred Glas at 782-5619.

PACAF commander retires  
Gamble awarded Distinguished Service Medal

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii (AFPN) — Pacific Air Forces Commander Gen. Patrick Gamble was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan during Gamble’s retirement ceremony here April 9.

Gamble leaves the Air Force to begin his new career as president and chief executive officer of the Alaska Railroad Corp., Anchorage, Alaska.

During the ceremony, Gamble reflected on his service in the Air Force, and thanked all who supported him along the way.

“The Air Force is a value-based organization,” Gamble said. “Integrity, service, honesty, respect, and dignity — these foundations have always been the background of teamwork — a characteristic I truly loved in each of the units I belonged to or commanded.”

Gamble said he applauds the high concern of Air Force leadership for quality of life for its people. “It is better today than it has ever been over my 33 years,” he said.

Speaking of the future, Gamble said that the “Air Force is going through a sophisticated transformation today that is unlike any other time I’ve known. It will revolutionize our service and prepare it for a highly uncertain future. Particularly the future in the Pacific.”

Prior to Gamble’s retirement, Ryan spoke of Gamble’s service record.

Gamble began his service in the Air Force as a forward air controller in Vietnam. He flew 394 combat missions in support of ground operations for which he was decorated for valor.

Ryan highlighted Gamble’s work with an organization nicknamed “Checkmate,” which is an operationally oriented analysis group at the Pentagon.

“In the late seventies and early eighties, General Gamble analyzed the strategic importance, access needs, and prepositioning requirements of the Persian Gulf,” Ryan said. “His insights proved



Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Boquette

Gen. Michael Ryan, Air Force chief of staff, presents the Distinguished Service Medal to Gen. Patrick Gamble, Pacific Air Forces commander, just prior to Gamble’s retirement from the Air Force after 33 years of service. Gamble leaves the Air Force to begin his new career as president and chief executive officer of the Alaska Railroad Corp.

prescient and contributed greatly to the success of Desert Storm just ten years later.”

“As PACAF commander, he has used all of his impressive intellectual and leadership talents, to match the challenges and successes he’s faced in the Pacific theater,” Ryan said. “At every turn, he has led with the welfare of his people as a priority. A leadership trait formally recognized by his enlisted force just this past week when he was presented with the highest honor they can bestow on a leader, the Order of the Sword.”

Gamble’s wife, Ailese, was also honored by Ryan during the ceremony when

he presented her with the Exceptional Service Award for service as PACAF’s first lady — dedicated to improving the morale and quality of life of active duty, retired, Guard and Reserve personnel and their families throughout the command.

Lt. Gen. William J. Begert, current assistant Air Force vice chief of staff, was nominated by the President to become the next Pacific Air Forces commander.

Begert, who has also been recommended for promotion to general, must be confirmed by the Senate prior to reassignment.

The official retirement is May 1.